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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, US, UN, WA, SF, GW
SUBJECT: MAPUTO CONFERENCE: FRG ATTITUDE

REF: USUN 1504

1. AS USUN HAS REPORTED, THE FRG HAS BEEN THE STRONGEST
PROPONENT AMONG THE WESTERN FIVE OF A COMMON DECLARA-
TION AND A COMMON TACTICAL APPROACH AT MAPUTO. WE AGREE
WITH USUN THAT THE GERMAN INTEREST IN THESE COMMON
POSITIONS REFLECTS MORE THEIR CONCERN OVER THE UNPRE-
DICTABILITY OF THE MAPUTO CONFERENCE THAN OVER
DIFFERENCES OF SUBSTANCE AMONG THE FIVE.

2. THE FONOFF HERE HAS EXPRESSED TO US ITS DISAPPOINT-
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MENT OVER THE FAILURE OF THE FIVE TO AGREE ON A COMMON
STATEMENT. IN ADDITION TO WANTING THE GREATEST DISPLAY
OF WESTERN UNITY POSSIBLE FOR TACTICAL REASONS, THE
GERMANS WANT COMMON POSITIONS BECAUSE THEY
(WITHOUT SAYING SO) ARE VERY CONSCIOUS OF THEIR
RELATIVE LACK OF EXPERIENCE IN DEALING WITH MAPUTO-LIKE
SITUATIONS.

3. FOR THESE REASONS, WE EXPECT THE FRG TO BE THE WESTERN NATION PERHAPS MOST WILLING TO FOLLOW THE U.S. LEAD AT MAPUTO AS LONG AS IT IS POSSIBLE TO STAY WITHIN THE GENERAL GUIDELINES DISCUSSED IN NEW YORK. WE RECOMMEND THAT U.S. DEL MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH FRG DEL. IT WILL REDOUND TO OUR BENEFIT, NOT ONLY AT MAPUTO, BUT ALSO IN OUR COMMON APPROACH ON NAMIBIA. STOESEL

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